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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In Reply to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed May
20, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks:

Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction/Election Requirement, the Examiner grouped pending claims 1-21 into four categories as follows:

Group I, claims 1 to 5, drawn to a method of treating obesity;

Group II, claims 6, 7, 15, and 16, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition;

Group III, claims 8 to 10 and 17 to 21, drawn to methods of screening compounds; and

Group IV, claims 11 to 14, drawn to a method of reduction of serum lipoprotein.

Applicants herein elect with traverse the claims of Group II, e.g., claims 6, 7, 15, and 16, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition. Moreover, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims pursuant to 35 USC §121 and claiming priority to this application under 35 USC §120.

With regard to the species election outlined in paragraph 5 of the Restriction Requirement, Applicants herein elect 17 β -estradiol for search purposes. Applicants submit that this elected species reads on claims 6, 7, 15, and 16.

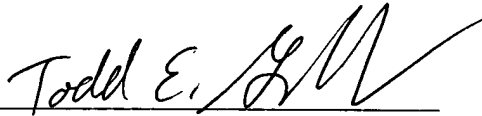
Any fees due with this Reply may be charged to Deposit
Account **23-1665** under Customer Number **27267**.

If a telephone conference would aid in the continued
prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited and
encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the
telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAES OHLSSON ET AL.

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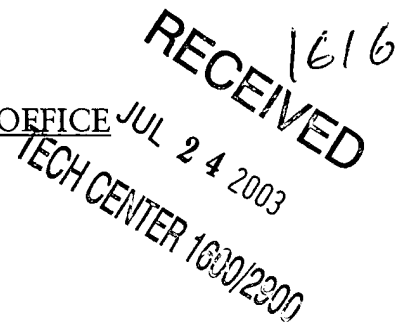


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	Claims Remaining after Amendment	Minus	Highest Number Previously paid for	No. of extra claims present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		-			x \$22.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims		-			x \$82.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent claims(if any)					X \$270.00	\$0.00
Reduction for Small Entity (50%)						-\$0.00
TOTAL FEE						\$0.00

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ A check in amount of \$ ____ is attached.
- ☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 23-1665. Two additional copies of this transmittal are enclosed.
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- ☒ A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☒ The following additional items are enclosed:
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